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In Re Application Of:

John Giobbi

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action, please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25.

Please add new claims 26-46 as follows.

26. A method of acquiring and playing digital content comprising:
- acquiring a physical electronic key containing a key code from a key provider;
 - requesting digital content from a content provider;
 - after locking the digital content with an unlock code associated with the key code contained in the physical electronic key, receiving the locked digital content; and